

## What You Should Do During a Boil Water Advisory

**Do NOT drink water that is not bottled water or has not been boiled**

**Do NOT use ice or consume drinks made with water that has not been boiled**

**Do NOT eat foods rinsed with water that has not been boiled**

### How to Boil Water

1) Heat water until large bubbles come from the bottom to the top of the pot

2) Let the water boil for 1 minute

3) Turn off the stove, and let the water cool

4) Store the water in a clean container with a cover

### You Can Drink

- Bottled water and drinks
- Boiled water

### Cooking Food

- Wash fruits and vegetables with bottled or boiled
- Boil water for 1 minute before you add food to cook
- Use bottled or boiled water to make drinks
- Wash countertops and tables with boiled water

### Ice

- Do not use ice from ice trays or ice makers
- Throw away all ice made with tap water
- Make new ice with bottled or boiled water

**Most advisories will last for 30 hours.**

This is the time it takes to test the water. Please pay attention to the local news for updates.

**For More Information**

**Call 311 or**

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### Feeding Babies and Using Formula

- Breastfeeding is the best option. If you cannot breastfeed, there are other options
- Use ready-to-use baby formula
- Mix bottled water with baby formula powder or concentrate. (If you do not have bottled water, use boiled water.)
- Wash bottles and nipples before use

### Washing Dishes

- You can use your dishwasher if it has a final rinse temperature of 150°F or higher or if your dishwasher has a sanitize cycle
- To wash dishes by hand:
  - Use hot tap water to wash and rinse dishes
  - In a separate container, add 1 teaspoon of unscented household bleach for each gallon of warm water
  - Soak the rinsed dishes for at least one minute in the bleach water
  - Let dishes air dry

### Bathing and Showering

- If you are a healthy adult, bathe or shower with tap water, but be careful to not swallow any water
- If you are bathing a baby or young child, it may be better to give them a sponge bath so they do not swallow any water. You could also use boiled water.
- If you have open wounds or a weakened immune system, use boiled water.

**Brushing Your Teeth:** Use bottled or boiled water

**Laundry:** You can do laundry as usual

**Pets:** To be safe, give your pets bottled or boiled water

### When the boil water advisory is cancelled:

- Run all cold water faucets or anything connected to cold water lines for at least 5 minutes
- Flush home ice makers by making and getting rid of 3 batches of ice
- Drain and refill hot water heaters if the heater was set below 113°F
- Change all point-of-entry and point-of-use water filters

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